

Drug Use in Ireland & Northern Ireland

Updated Results from the 2002/2003 Drug Prevalence Survey – *Bulletin 1*



Prevalence Tables – Ireland

Table 1.1: Ireland – Lifetime Prevalence (%)

		All Adults		Young Adults						
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	18.5	24.0	13.1	26.0	24.9	27.1	17.7	10.6	4.2
	CI+	20.1	26.6	14.6	28.5	28.7	30.4	20.0	13.3	5.8
	CI-	17.0	21.5	11.6	23.5	21.3	23.9	15.5	8.3	2.9
Cannabis	%	17.4	22.4	12.3	24.0	22.8	25.2	17.3	10.1	3.6
	CI+	18.9	24.9	13.8	26.5	26.5	28.3	19.6	12.7	5.2
	CI-	15.9	20.0	10.9	21.6	19.4	22.2	15.1	7.9	2.4
Heroin	%	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.0
	CI+	0.8	1.2	0.6	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5
	CI-	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.8	0.8	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	1.5	4.5	3.8	3.0	1.9
	CI+	3.7	2.8	5.0	4.1	2.8	6.1	5.0	4.7	3.2
	CI-	2.4	1.4	3.1	2.1	0.7	3.2	2.8	1.8	1.1
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	3.0	4.3	1.6	4.7	5.1	4.2	2.8	0.9	0.0
	CI+	3.6	5.4	2.3	5.9	7.3	5.8	3.9	1.8	0.5
	CI-	2.4	3.4	1.1	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.0	0.3	0.0
Crack	%	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	2.9	4.1	1.6	4.5	4.9	4.2	2.6	0.9	0.0
	CI+	3.5	5.2	2.2	5.8	7.0	5.7	3.7	1.8	0.5
	CI-	2.3	3.2	1.1	3.5	3.3	2.9	1.8	0.3	0.0
Amphetamines	%	3.0	4.0	1.9	4.8	4.4	5.3	2.2	0.8	0.4
	CI+	3.6	5.1	2.6	6.1	6.4	6.9	3.2	1.8	1.2
	CI-	2.4	3.1	1.3	3.7	2.8	3.9	1.4	0.3	0.1
Ecstasy	%	3.7	4.9	2.6	7.1	7.7	6.4	1.6	0.1	0.0
	CI+	4.4	6.1	3.3	8.6	10.2	8.3	2.5	0.6	0.5
	CI-	3.1	3.8	1.9	5.8	5.7	4.9	1.0	0.0	0.0
LSD	%	2.9	4.4	1.4	4.6	3.9	5.3	2.2	1.2	0.3
	CI+	3.5	5.5	2.0	5.7	5.7	7.0	3.2	2.3	1.1
	CI-	2.4	3.4	1.0	3.6	2.5	3.9	1.5	0.5	0.1
Magic mushrooms	%	3.9	5.7	2.0	5.9	5.5	6.3	4.2	0.8	0.3
	CI+	4.5	6.9	2.7	7.3	7.6	8.2	5.5	1.6	1.0
	CI-	3.3	4.7	1.5	4.7	3.9	4.7	3.2	0.3	0.0
Solvents	%	1.7	2.2	1.1	3.3	3.6	3.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
	CI+	2.2	3.1	1.7	4.4	5.3	4.4	0.9	0.4	0.9
	CI-	1.3	1.5	0.7	2.4	2.2	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	2.6	3.9	1.3	4.7	4.7	4.8	1.3	0.4	0.1
	CI+	3.2	5.0	1.9	6.1	6.7	6.5	2.1	1.1	0.7
	CI-	2.1	2.9	0.9	3.6	3.1	3.3	0.7	0.1	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	12.1	9.3	15.0	8.2	6.5	9.9	12.2	15.3	21.8
	CI+	13.2	10.6	16.5	9.6	8.6	12.0	14.2	17.9	24.9
	CI-	11.2	8.0	13.7	6.9	4.7	8.1	10.4	13.0	19.0

¹ For this study, 'any illegal drugs' refers to amphetamines, cannabis, cocaine powder, crack, ecstasy, heroin, LSD, magic mushrooms, poppers and solvents.

² Other opiates, i.e. opium, Temgesic®, buprenorphine®, Diconal®, napps, MSTs®, pethidine, DF118® (dihydrocodeine) and morphine.

³ Poppers, i.e. amyl or butyl nitrite.

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Prevalence Tables – Ireland

Table 1.2: Ireland – Last Year Prevalence (%)

		All Adults			Young Adults					
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	5.6	7.8	3.4	9.7	12.7	6.6	3.4	1.1	0.4
	CI+	6.5	9.3	4.2	11.5	15.8	8.5	4.6	2.2	1.1
	CI-	4.8	6.5	2.6	8.1	10.0	5.0	2.4	0.5	0.1
Cannabis	%	5.0	7.2	2.9	8.6	11.0	6.2	3.3	1.1	0.4
	CI+	5.9	8.6	3.7	10.3	13.9	8.0	4.5	2.2	1.1
	CI-	4.3	5.9	2.2	7.1	8.4	4.6	2.4	0.5	0.1
Heroin	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
	CI+	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.2
	CI-	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	1.1	1.7	0.5	2.0	2.7	1.3	0.5	0.2	0.0
	CI+	1.5	2.5	0.8	2.9	4.4	2.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
	CI-	0.7	1.1	0.2	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0
Crack	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	1.1	1.7	0.5	2.0	2.7	1.3	0.5	0.2	0.0
	CI+	1.5	2.5	0.8	2.9	4.4	2.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
	CI-	0.7	1.1	0.2	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	%	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.7	1.2	0.4	1.4	2.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	%	1.1	1.5	0.6	2.3	2.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	1.5	2.3	1.0	3.1	4.4	2.8	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.8	1.0	0.3	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD	%	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	%	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.6	1.2	0.3	1.3	2.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.7
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	%	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers	%	5.7	4.2	7.3	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.5	7.7	12.1
	CI+	6.5	5.2	8.3	4.7	5.2	5.3	5.8	9.7	14.7
	CI-	5.0	3.3	6.3	2.9	2.4	2.7	3.4	6.0	9.9

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Prevalence Tables – Ireland

Table 1.3: Ireland – Last Month Prevalence (%)

		All Adults			Young Adults					
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	3.0	4.1	1.7	5.2	6.9	3.4	1.6	0.6	0.3
	CI+	3.6	5.3	2.4	6.6	9.4	4.8	2.5	1.5	1.0
	CI-	2.4	3.1	1.2	4.0	4.9	2.2	1.0	0.1	0.0
Cannabis	%	2.6	3.4	1.7	4.3	5.6	3.0	1.6	0.6	0.3
	CI+	3.2	4.5	2.3	5.6	8.0	4.4	2.5	1.5	1.0
	CI-	2.0	2.5	1.2	3.3	3.7	1.9	1.0	0.1	0.0
Heroin	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
	CI+	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.7
	CI-	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.6	1.2	0.1	1.2	2.0	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.6	1.2	0.1	1.2	2.0	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	%	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	%	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.5	1.0	0.2	1.2	1.8	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	%	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	4.0	3.0	4.9	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.6	6.2	9.7
	CI+	4.6	4.0	5.8	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.6	8.0	12.0
	CI-	3.4	2.3	4.1	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.8	4.6	7.7

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Prevalence Tables – Northern Ireland

Table 2.1: Northern Ireland – Lifetime Prevalence (%)

		All Adults		Young Adults		15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34					
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	20.0	26.7	13.5	30.9	28.5	33.2	18.4	8.9	4.0
	CI+	21.8	29.6	15.4	34.2	33.8	37.0	21.4	11.5	5.8
	CI-	18.3	23.9	11.7	27.8	23.7	29.6	15.7	6.8	2.7
Cannabis	%	16.8	23.3	10.5	25.1	24.0	26.2	16.9	8.0	3.1
	CI+	18.5	26.0	12.1	28.2	29.4	29.4	19.8	10.5	4.7
	CI-	15.3	20.6	9.0	22.3	19.2	23.1	14.3	6.0	1.9
Heroin	%	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
	CI+	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.8
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	18.0	16.4	19.5	17.9	13.0	22.7	22.8	15.2	14.3
	CI+	20.2	19.2	22.1	20.9	17.6	26.1	26.5	18.8	17.2
	CI-	15.9	13.9	17.1	15.1	9.1	19.6	19.4	12.0	11.6
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	1.6	2.8	0.5	2.9	2.6	3.2	1.5	0.1	0.0
	CI+	2.2	3.9	1.0	4.1	4.8	4.6	2.6	0.8	0.6
	CI-	1.2	1.9	0.3	2.0	1.2	2.1	0.8	0.0	0.0
Crack	%	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.5	1.0	0.3	1.0	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	1.6	2.7	0.5	2.9	2.6	3.1	1.4	0.1	0.0
	CI+	2.1	3.8	0.9	4.0	4.8	4.5	2.4	0.8	0.6
	CI-	1.2	1.8	0.2	2.0	1.2	2.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	%	4.0	6.3	1.8	7.2	6.5	8.0	2.6	0.8	0.8
	CI+	4.9	7.8	2.6	9.0	9.8	10.1	3.9	1.8	1.8
	CI-	3.3	5.0	1.2	5.7	4.0	6.1	1.6	0.2	0.3

		All Adults		Young Adults		15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34					
Ecstasy	%	5.8	8.3	3.3	11.3	10.2	12.4	2.9	0.6	0.0
	CI+	6.7	10.0	4.3	13.5	13.9	14.9	4.4	1.6	0.6
	CI-	4.9	6.8	2.4	9.4	7.2	10.2	1.8	0.2	0.0
LSD	%	4.5	7.0	2.0	7.8	5.9	9.6	3.7	1.0	0.4
	CI+	5.4	8.7	2.8	9.5	8.9	11.7	5.5	2.3	1.3
	CI-	3.7	5.6	1.4	6.2	3.7	7.6	2.4	0.3	0.1
Magic mushrooms	%	4.3	6.3	2.4	6.4	4.9	7.9	5.9	0.7	0.3
	CI+	5.2	7.9	3.2	8.0	7.5	9.9	7.9	1.7	1.1
	CI-	3.6	4.9	1.8	5.0	2.9	6.2	4.3	0.2	0.0
Solvents	%	2.9	4.1	1.7	5.4	4.9	5.8	2.0	0.2	0.3
	CI+	3.6	5.5	2.4	6.9	7.6	7.6	3.3	0.9	1.1
	CI-	2.3	3.0	1.2	4.1	3.0	4.3	1.2	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	5.5	7.3	3.8	10.9	10.6	11.1	2.6	0.8	0.0
	CI+	6.6	9.0	5.0	13.3	14.9	13.5	4.1	1.9	0.6
	CI-	4.5	5.9	2.7	8.8	7.2	9.1	1.6	0.3	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	22.1	15.5	28.5	16.2	10.9	21.4	24.6	27.2	29.4
	CI+	23.8	17.7	30.7	18.7	14.5	24.5	27.8	30.9	33.0
	CI-	20.4	13.4	26.5	13.8	7.7	18.5	21.5	23.7	25.9

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² Other opiates, i.e. opium, Temgesic®, buprenorphine®, Diconal®, napps, MSTs®, pethidine, DF118® (dihydrocodeine) and morphine.

³ Poppers, i.e. amyl or butyl nitrite.

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Prevalence Tables – Northern Ireland

Table 2.2: Northern Ireland – Last Year Prevalence (%)

		All Adults			Young Adults					
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	6.4	9.7	3.1	11.6	14.5	8.8	3.7	1.7	0.6
	CI+	7.4	11.6	4.1	13.9	18.8	11.0	5.2	3.1	1.5
	CI-	5.4	8.0	2.3	9.7	10.9	7.0	2.5	0.9	0.2
Cannabis	%	5.4	8.7	2.2	9.8	12.1	7.4	3.7	1.4	0.1
	CI+	6.4	10.5	3.1	11.9	16.4	9.4	5.2	2.6	0.8
	CI-	4.5	7.0	1.4	7.9	8.7	5.8	2.5	0.6	0.0
Heroin	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	8.0	6.9	9.0	7.5	4.1	10.9	10.8	6.0	7.3
	CI+	9.3	8.5	10.6	9.4	6.7	13.4	13.5	8.5	9.5
	CI-	6.8	5.5	7.6	6.0	2.3	8.7	8.5	4.0	5.4
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	0.5	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.9	1.8	0.4	1.8	3.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	%	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.8	1.6	0.4	1.7	2.9	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	%	0.8	1.4	0.2	1.5	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.3
	CI+	1.3	2.3	0.5	2.5	4.2	2.0	1.0	0.9	1.0
	CI-	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

		All Adults			Young Adults					
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
Ecstasy	%	1.6	2.7	0.6	3.3	4.8	1.7	0.8	0.0	0.0
	CI+	2.2	3.9	1.1	4.5	7.6	2.8	1.7	0.9	0.6
	CI-	1.2	1.8	0.3	2.3	2.8	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
LSD	%	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	%	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
	CI+	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.9	1.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.6
	CI-	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	%	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
	CI+	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.9	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.9
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.1	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.9	3.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	12.6	8.7	16.5	8.6	4.8	12.3	14.3	17.2	16.4
	CI+	13.9	10.3	18.3	10.3	7.3	14.7	17.0	20.4	19.5
	CI-	11.4	7.3	14.8	7.0	2.9	10.2	11.9	14.3	13.7

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Prevalence Tables – Northern Ireland

Table 2.3: Northern Ireland – Last Month Prevalence (%)

		All Adults		Young Adults		15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34					
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	3.4	5.7	1.1	6.1	9.0	3.3	2.0	0.7	0.5
	CI+	4.2	7.3	1.7	7.9	12.7	4.8	3.2	1.7	1.3
	CI-	2.6	4.3	0.6	4.6	6.0	2.2	1.2	0.2	0.1
Cannabis	%	2.9	5.1	0.8	5.4	7.9	3.0	2.0	0.5	0.0
	CI+	3.7	6.7	1.3	7.1	11.5	4.4	3.2	1.4	0.6
	CI-	2.3	3.8	0.4	4.0	5.1	2.0	1.2	0.1	0.0
Heroin	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	4.1	3.1	5.2	3.3	2.0	4.5	5.7	4.5	3.8
	CI+	4.9	4.0	6.3	4.4	3.7	6.1	7.6	6.4	5.6
	CI-	3.4	2.3	4.2	2.3	0.9	3.2	4.2	3.0	2.5
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.7	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.7	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	%	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3
	CI+	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.9	1.7	0.9	0.4	0.9	1.0
	CI-	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

		All Adults		Young Adults		15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34					
Ecstasy	%	0.5	0.9	0.1	1.1	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.9	1.6	0.5	1.9	3.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	%	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
	CI+	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.9
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.9	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	9.8	7.0	12.5	5.4	2.5	8.2	10.7	15.5	14.2
	CI+	10.9	8.5	14.1	6.8	4.5	10.2	13.2	18.7	17.1
	CI-	8.7	5.7	11.1	4.2	1.2	6.4	8.6	12.7	11.7

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³ Poppers, i.e. amyl or butyl nitrite.

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Prevalence Tables – Island of Ireland

Table 3.1: Island of Ireland – Lifetime Prevalence (%)

		All Adults		Young Adults		15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34					
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	19.0	24.8	13.2	27.4	26.0	28.9	17.9	10.1	4.1
	CI+	20.4	27.2	14.5	30.1	29.4	32.3	19.9	11.9	5.3
	CI-	18.0	23.2	12.1	26.0	23.3	27.3	16.2	8.1	3.1
Cannabis	%	17.2	22.6	11.8	24.3	23.2	25.5	17.2	9.5	3.5
	CI+	18.3	24.7	12.7	26.4	26.4	28.0	19.0	11.2	4.4
	CI-	16.0	20.9	10.5	22.6	20.4	23.3	15.4	7.6	2.5
Heroin	%	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.0
	CI+	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.9	1.0	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.3
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.4
	CI-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	7.4	6.2	8.5	7.3	4.9	9.8	9.3	6.5	5.5
	CI+	10.2	9.3	11.6	10.5	7.6	14.1	12.9	9.7	9.1
	CI-	8.4	7.1	9.3	7.9	4.4	10.9	9.9	6.5	6.3
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	2.6	3.9	1.3	4.2	4.4	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.0
	CI+	2.9	4.5	1.6	4.9	5.8	4.9	3.1	1.2	0.3
	CI-	2.0	3.0	0.8	3.2	2.9	2.9	1.6	0.2	0.0
Crack	%	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	2.5	3.7	1.3	4.1	4.3	3.9	2.3	0.6	0.0
	CI+	2.8	4.3	1.6	4.7	5.6	4.8	2.9	1.2	0.3
	CI-	1.9	2.8	0.8	3.1	2.8	2.8	1.5	0.2	0.0
Amphetamines	%	3.3	4.7	1.9	5.5	5.0	6.1	2.3	0.8	0.5
	CI+	3.9	5.9	2.4	6.9	6.9	7.8	3.1	1.5	1.2
	CI-	3.0	4.2	1.4	4.9	3.8	5.3	1.7	0.4	0.3
Ecstasy	%	4.3	5.9	2.8	8.3	8.5	8.2	2.0	0.3	0.0
	CI+	5.2	7.3	3.4	10.1	10.7	10.6	2.9	0.7	0.3
	CI-	4.0	5.4	2.3	7.7	6.9	7.7	1.5	0.1	0.0
LSD	%	3.4	5.1	1.6	5.5	4.5	6.5	2.7	1.1	0.4
	CI+	4.1	6.4	2.1	6.9	6.2	8.5	3.7	1.9	0.9
	CI-	3.1	4.7	1.3	5.0	3.4	6.0	2.1	0.6	0.1
Magic mushrooms	%	4.0	5.9	2.1	6.1	5.4	6.7	4.7	0.7	0.3
	CI+	4.6	6.9	2.7	7.1	6.9	8.4	5.9	1.3	0.7
	CI-	3.6	5.1	1.7	5.2	3.9	5.7	4.0	0.4	0.1
Solvents	%	2.0	2.8	1.3	3.9	4.0	3.9	0.8	0.0	0.3
	CI+	2.6	3.8	1.8	5.1	5.6	5.3	1.6	0.4	0.7
	CI-	1.8	2.4	1.0	3.4	2.9	3.4	0.6	0.0	0.1
Poppers ³	%	3.5	4.9	2.0	6.5	6.4	6.6	1.7	0.5	0.1
	CI+	4.4	6.3	2.9	8.5	8.8	9.0	2.5	1.1	0.4
	CI-	3.3	4.5	1.8	6.2	5.3	6.2	1.3	0.2	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	15.0	11.1	19.0	10.5	7.7	13.3	15.8	18.8	24.0
	CI+	17.2	13.1	21.9	12.7	10.0	16.7	18.8	22.4	27.7
	CI-	15.4	10.8	19.4	10.3	6.5	13.2	15.5	18.2	23.1

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² Other opiates, i.e. opium, Temgesic®, buprenorphine®, Diconal®, napps, MSTs®, pethidine, DF118® (dihydrocodeine) and morphine.

³ Poppers, i.e. amyl or butyl nitrite.

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Prevalence Tables – Island of Ireland

Table 3.2: Island of Ireland – Last Year Prevalence (%)

		All Adults			Young Adults					
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	5.8	8.3	3.3	10.3	13.3	7.3	3.5	1.3	0.4
	CI+	6.6	9.8	3.9	11.9	16.0	9.0	4.5	2.2	1.0
	CI-	5.3	7.5	2.7	9.2	11.1	6.3	2.7	0.8	0.2
Cannabis	%	5.2	7.6	2.7	9.0	11.3	6.5	3.4	1.2	0.3
	CI+	5.8	8.9	3.2	10.4	13.9	8.1	4.4	2.0	0.7
	CI-	4.6	6.7	2.1	7.9	9.3	5.5	2.7	0.7	0.1
Heroin	%	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3
	CI-	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.6	1.6	3.6	3.4	2.1	2.4
	CI+	4.1	3.8	4.6	4.2	2.9	6.1	5.5	3.7	4.7
	CI-	3.1	2.6	3.5	2.8	1.2	4.1	3.6	1.9	2.7
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	0.9	1.5	0.4	1.7	2.3	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.0
	CI+	1.2	2.0	0.6	2.2	3.4	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.3
	CI-	0.6	0.9	0.2	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
Crack	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	0.9	1.5	0.4	1.7	2.3	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.0
	CI+	1.1	1.9	0.6	2.2	3.3	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.3
	CI-	0.6	0.9	0.2	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	%	0.5	0.9	0.2	1.0	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.8	1.4	0.3	1.6	2.5	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	%	1.2	1.9	0.6	2.5	3.4	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.0
	CI+	1.6	2.6	0.9	3.4	5.0	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.3
	CI-	1.0	1.5	0.4	2.1	2.5	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
LSD	%	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	%	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.5	0.9	0.2	1.0	1.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
	CI-	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.6	0.9	0.5	1.3	2.1	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	7.7	5.5	9.9	5.1	3.9	6.3	7.3	10.5	13.4
	CI+	9.3	7.0	12.0	6.6	5.4	8.9	9.6	13.4	16.0
	CI-	8.0	5.3	10.2	4.9	3.0	6.4	7.2	10.0	12.3

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² Other opiates, i.e. opium, Temgesic®, buprenorphine®, Diconal®, napps, MSTs®, pethidine, DF118® (dihydrocodeine) and morphine.

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Prevalence Tables – Island of Ireland

Table 3.3: Island of Ireland – Last Month Prevalence (%)

		All Adults		Young Adults		15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
		15-64	Males	Females	15-34					
Any illegal drugs ¹	%	3.1	4.6	1.6	5.5	7.5	3.4	1.8	0.6	0.3
	CI+	3.6	5.7	1.9	6.7	9.8	4.4	2.5	1.2	0.8
	CI-	2.6	3.9	1.1	4.6	5.9	2.5	1.3	0.2	0.1
Cannabis	%	2.7	3.9	1.4	4.7	6.3	3.0	1.8	0.6	0.2
	CI+	3.2	5.0	1.7	5.8	8.5	4.0	2.5	1.2	0.6
	CI-	2.3	3.4	0.9	3.9	4.8	2.2	1.3	0.2	0.0
Heroin	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	%	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other opiates ²	%	1.3	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.2
	CI+	2.1	1.8	2.7	1.9	1.5	2.8	3.1	2.8	2.7
	CI-	1.5	1.0	1.8	1.1	0.4	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.2
Cocaine (total including crack)	%	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.9	1.4	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine powder	%	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.9	1.4	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	%	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5
	CI-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	%	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.6	1.1	0.2	1.3	2.1	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	%	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	%	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
	CI+	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers ³	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CI+	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
	CI-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sedatives, Tranquillisers, Anti-depressants	%	5.7	4.2	7.1	3.1	2.2	4.0	5.0	8.9	11.0
	CI+	7.0	5.5	8.9	4.2	3.3	5.9	6.9	11.7	13.6
	CI-	5.8	4.0	7.3	2.8	1.4	3.9	4.9	8.5	10.2

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